

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2622 - SB 2911**

February 18, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Revises the focus of the Department of Children's Services (DCS) from preserving the relationship between the child and the family to furthering the best interest of the child.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

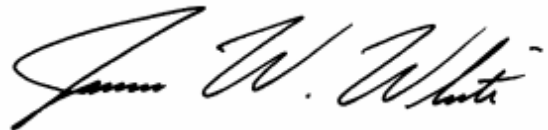
##### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Revising the focus of DCS will not result in current program changes, children not being placed with family members, or children having to spend additional time in custody.
- According to the Department of Children's Services, if the provisions of the bill lead to the exclusion of the parent which is considered to be detrimental to the child, then the Department would incur a significant increase in expenditures.
- Any cost to DCS for revising its focus can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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